The April 25th meeting of
C.C.B.C.

This special meeting of C.C.B.C. was brought to order by a volutary substitute chairperson, Robert Steelman, soon after 7:30 pm. The first subject for consideration was proposed reaction to the recent irresponsible actions of the Mayor of Allentown and the Pres. of City Council. In reaction to the press coverage of an unofficial ruling procured by City Council Pres. Frey that would preclude the passage of the amendment to the ordinace to protect gays (contrary to an official ruling), the members directed the secretary to try to get another official ruling to again counter this unofficial ruling. To counter the banning by the Mayor of gay rights activists from city-sponsored forums, the membership instructed the secretary to write a letter to the Mayor voicing our dismay at the McCarthyiteism and unconstitutionality of his stand. Next, because there had not been a quorum at a meeting after March the 21st until this meeting, past suggestions from these unofficial meetings were taken up. The first was the election of Terri Mault as female co-chair. There were no other nominees, but a vote was taken nevertheless and, understandably, she won overwhelmingly. The second item of past business was an amendment to the by-laws that would establish the quorum as the number of members of the steering committee present at a general membership meeting plus one. This amendment was passed with just one abstention. The third item of past business was the setting of annual membership dues at $2.00 which would entitle the payee to all rights, privileges and responsibilities of the organization. The deadline for current members for payment was was set for June the first. The next topic was the proposed Gay Pride Committee and/or march, picknic and film festival. These three films were sugested for the festival: In the Best Interest of the Children
Gay U.S.A.
Word Is Out
Then discussion centered on the proposed picketing of Allentown's Mayor's house on May the third. A member volunteered to contact representatives

from ACLU and LEPOCO to try to obtain their co-operation in the picket. Then there was a resolution duly passed "that the May 2nd meeting be concerned at least in part with the picketing of the Mayor's house on May 3rd. The next item of business was the consideration to send clippings from local newspapers, other news items and our newletters to a radio station, IMRU, in California that informed us in its appeal letter that information was just as valuable as money. Consensus was that we should send them such as requested. Next, consensus was again positive that we should join the Women's Council of Allentown. Relatively, and as the last item of business, a resolution was duly passed that "C.C.B.C. strongly urges the passage of House Joint Resolution 638 now before U.S. Congress that would extend the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment."

Respectively Submitted,

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